

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the examiner set forth a restriction requirement and required election of one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: Claim 1 - 6, drawn to a semiconductor device; and

Group II: Claims 7 - 17(sic), drawn to a process of making a semiconductor device.

In response, Applicants have elected the claims in Group I (Claims 1-6) and have withdrawn claims 7-15, without prejudice. This election is made without traverse. Applicants would like to point out that only 15 claims are contained in the originally filed application.

In this paper, Applicants have also amended claim 3. Support for the amendments to claim 3 may be found in paragraph 28 of the Specification.

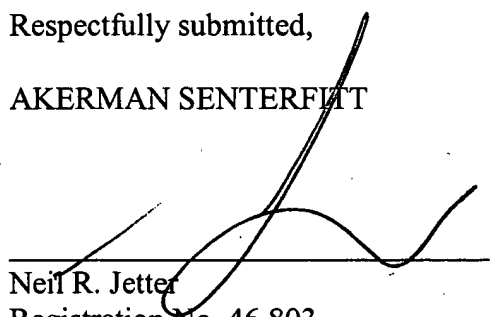
Based on the above election, Applicants request removal of the restriction requirement and substantive examination of elected claims 1-6. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that the above restriction election is incomplete or improper in any way, or if a telephonic interview will expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance.

No fees are believed due with the filing of the above Response. However, the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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